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FOR THE SECRETARY

GENEVA FOR CSCE AND MIDEAST DEL

1. I CONVEYED THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO VAN WELL THIS
AFTERNOON (MAY 31), DRAWING FULLY UPON THE AUTHORIZED
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U.S. POSITION IN DEPT REFTEL. VAN WELL THANKED US FOR

THIS RAPID RESPONSE AND INDICATED THAT STELTZER WOULD APPROACH THE EGYPTIANS TOMORROW TO INDICATE LIKELY EC-9 READINESS TO CARRY FORWARD WITH THEIR INITIATIVE. AS TO EC REACTION CONCERNING CONSULTATIONS WITH US ON EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE, VAN WELL SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THIS. HIS INITIAL COMMENT WAS THAT PERHAPS HE, AS POLITICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, COULD DO THIS HERE IN BONN WITH ME OR THAT VON STADEN MIGHT BE ABLE TO PLAY A ROLE IN WASHINGTON. VAN WELL MADE NO COMMENTS REGARDING THE SUBSTANTIVE CHARACTER OF OUR REACTION. HE PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. EMBOFF ALSO WENT OVER THE SECRETARY'S GUIDANCE WITH REDIES, THE FONOFF MIDEAST DEPT DIRECTOR. REDIES ADDED TWO INITIAL COMMENTS. FIRST, HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE TO PROCEED VERY SLOWLY, NOTING THAT DURING HIS RECENT MISSION TO CAIRO RIAD OF THE ARAB LEAGUE HAD EVEN SPECULATED THAT A FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING MIGHT NOT OCCUR FOR AS LONG AS TWO YEARS. REDIES SAID HE CERTAINLY COULD NOT IMAGINE SUCH AN EURO/ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1975. SECONDLY, REDIES THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BEST TO HOLD INITIAL U.S./EC-9 CONSULTATIONS ON THE ARAB DIALOGUE IN BONN, CAPITAL OF THE EC-9 PRESIDENCY. IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN, HE THOUGHT IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES BE IN A POSITION DURING SUCH CONSULTATIONS TO STATE AUTHORITATIVE USG POSITIONS.

3. REDIES TOLD US THAT HE ASSUMED STELTZER WOULD GO FORWARD WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS JUNE 1 IN CAIRO. HE PROMISED TO INFORM US OF THE EGYPTIAN REACTION AS SOON AS HE RECEIVES STELTZER'S REPORT.

4. FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THIS TELEGRAM, REDIES CONTACTED EMBOFF AGAIN AT THE INSTRUCTION OF VAN WELL. HE ASKED EMBOFF TO CALL UPON HIM ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 4, AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD INTEND TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF THE PLANS OF THE NINE CONCERNING BOTH THE EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE AND RELATED CONSULTATIONS

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WITH THE U.S. EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER REDIES'S COMMENTS ON JUNE 4 WOULD INCLUDE INITIAL REPLY TO THE POINTS IN THE SECRETARY'S AUTHORIZED RESPONSE. REDIES' REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
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